

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

MONDAY
JANUARY 20
2020

2020 REPORT

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others’”?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

 Montgomery County
VOLUNTEER CENTER





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) hosted its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about causes and initiatives across the county at the Volunteer Fair and how to stay connected with and support the community at large.

The Day of Service events across the county attracted over **4,500 volunteers**, managed by **465 event staff**, completing **135 service projects**. There were several hands-on activities including building functional robots and circuits, assembling bags of dried lentil jambalaya meals, and making your voice heard with “picket signs” stating what participants believe in and stand for.

In addition to the primary location at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, the Volunteer Center also promoted satellite events hosted by:

- Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in Silver Spring
- Seneca Creek Community Church in Gaithersburg
- Bauer Drive Community Center hosted by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Eta Pi Zeta Chapter in Rockville
- Shaare Tefila Congregation hosted by MedStar Montgomery Medical Center and the Greater Olney Interfaith Clergy Association in Olney
- Journey’s Crossing Church in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Sigma Omega Chapter in Germantown
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Bethesda



CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Grant

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) received a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to support its Day of Service event. The grant required hosting a minimum of 10 event sites, which aligns with MCVC's desire to connect new and ongoing events across the county. In addition to the existing partner sites, the following events were included to meet the grant requirements:

- Comfort Cases in Rockville
- Strathmore hosted by the Montgomery County of Human Rights in Rockville
- Richard Montgomery High School hosted by the City of Rockville in Rockville
- Lee Middle School hosted by the Montgomery County Public Schools in Silver Spring
- Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School hosted by the Montgomery County Public Schools in Germantown

The grant also called on volunteers to not only serve the community on MLK Day, but to commit to continuing to serve throughout the year. The MCVC asked volunteers to sign a pledge (paper or digital) as a sign of their commitment. Over 1,100 volunteers pledged to continue serving all year long.

EVENT SITES

Location: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
Host: Montgomery County Volunteer Center
When: 1 – 3 PM
What: Service Projects and Volunteer Fair

2,307

Volunteers

33

Service Projects

Location: Seneca Creek Community Church
Hosts: Seneca Creek Community Church partnered with City of Gaithersburg
When: 9 – 11 AM
What: Service Projects

468

Volunteers

17

Service Projects

Location: Silver Spring Civic Building
Host: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter
When: 10 AM – 2 PM
What: Service Projects and Blood Drive

943

Volunteers

23

Service Projects



EVENT SITES

Location: Bauer Drive Community Center
Host: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Eta Pi Zeta Chapter
When: 10 AM – 12 PM
What: Service Projects

146

Volunteers

7

Service Projects

Location: Shaare Tefila Congregation
Hosts: MedStar Montgomery Medical Center and Greater Olney Interfaith Clergy Association, coordinated by Leadership Montgomery CVC
When: 11 AM – 1 PM
What: Service Projects and Blood Drive

307

Volunteers

3

Service Projects

Location: Journey's Crossing Church
Hosts: Journey's Crossing Church partnered with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Sigma Omega Chapter
When: 1 – 3 PM
What: Service Projects

343

Volunteers

22

Service Projects



EVENT SITES

Location: Richard Montgomery High School
Host: City of Rockville
When: 11 AM – 1 PM
What: Service Projects and Ceremony

154

Volunteers

2

Service Projects

Location: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School
Hosts: Montgomery County Public Schools
What: Service Projects

385

Volunteers

6

Service Projects

Location: Lee Middle School
Hosts: Montgomery County Public Schools
What: Service Projects

787

Volunteers

17

Service Projects



EVENT SITES

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Host: City of Rockville
When: 11 AM – 1 PM
What: Service Projects

73

Volunteers

4

Service Projects

Location: Comfort Cases
Host: Comfort Cases
When: 12 – 3 PM
What: Service Projects

27

Volunteers

1

Service Projects



MONTGOMERY PARKS



Montgomery Parks conducted several projects over the holiday weekend to beautify the County including:

Park Cleanups

Locations:

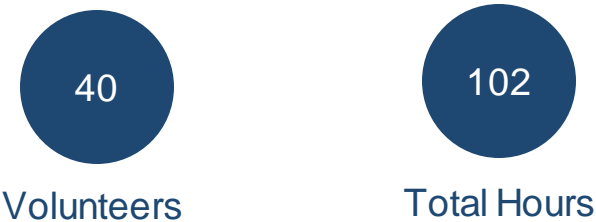


Weed Warrior Workdays

Project: Invasive plant removal

Locations:

- Hillwood Manor Park
- Sligo Creek Parkway



MLK AROUND THE COUNTY



TESS Community Action Center

6 volunteers cleaned and organized the Center's meeting area and children's playroom.

Manna Food Center Food Drive

January 18-19, 2020

- Collected over 27,000 pounds of food at participating Giant Food stores in Montgomery County
- Over 200 Manna volunteers
- 24 elected officials
 - U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin
 - Senator Jeff Waldstreicher
 - MD House of Delegates
 - Montgomery County Council, Gaithersburg City Council, and Rockville City Council Members



Project Outcome Data

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT & CONFERENCE CENTER





BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Theta Omega Omega Chapter Valentine's Day cards	Springvale Terrace	165
Altrusa International Montgomery County Club Thoughtful Treasures	Children's Inn at NIH	159
Bank of America, N.A. Create paracord bracelets	Operation Gratitude	750
Bank of America, N.A. Write letters	Operation Gratitude	169
Bethesda Big Train Decorate foam fingers	Children's Inn at NIH	200
Charles E. Smith Life Communities Decorate tissue boxes	Charles E. Smith Life Communities	50
Citizens Climate Lobby Write letters of support for climate change activism	Senators/Local Representatives	70
Community Reach of Montgomery County Decorate certificate holders	CMR volunteers at Volunteer Appreciation Reception	100
EveryMind Assemble toiletry bags	Local EveryMind clients	300



BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Feeding Children Everywhere Assemble meals of red lentil jambalaya	Capital Area Food Bank	31,128
Girls on the Run of Montgomery County Test markers	Girls on the Run of Montgomery County	200
Islamic Community Center of Potomac Assemble personal care kits	Local area shelters	200
KindWorks DIY fancy clothes hangers	Families starting over in Montgomery County	100
Lead for Future Academy STEM through origami	Children's Inn at NIH	60 paper cutting 30 origami pieces
Meals on Wheels Package snow day food boxes	Seniors across Montgomery County	340
Montgomery County DEP, Division of Solid Waste Services Prepare mailings on recycling information	Residents in Montgomery County	4,304
Montgomery County Food Council Screen and Intervene toolkits	Families in Montgomery County	100
Montgomery County Muslim Foundation Notes and totes of hope	Children's Inn at NIH	30 notes 32 totes



BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Montgomery County Recreation - Youth Development (YAC & TeenWorks) Assemble cat toys	Montgomery County Friends	154
Montgomery County Recreation - Youth Development (YAC & TeenWorks) Decorate placemats	Shepherd's Table and A Wider Circle	40
Montgomery County Recreation - Youth Development (YAC & TeenWorks) Make no-sew blankets and scarves	Patients at Jill's House	21
Montgomery County Recreation - Youth Development (YAC & TeenWorks) Write uplifting cards	Residents at Leisure World and Arcola Retirement Home	72
Montgomery Hospice Make no-sew blankets and scarves	Patients and families at Montgomery Hospice	194 blankets 204 scarves
NEST4US Assemble hope in a bag and write notes of encouragement	Homeless in Washington, DC area	750 bags 500 notes



BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Paper Bridges Write letters to children	Orphans across the world	300
People Helping People Foundation Roll diabetic and ankle socks, make keychains, write thank you cards	Veterans in DC VA hospital and Fisher House	316 socks 85 keychains 25 cards
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Tri Sigma Alumni Chapter Assemble toiletry bags and coat drive	Homeless in Washington, DC	300 kits 125 coats
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Eta Iota Sigma Chapter Make NICU family care packages	NICU wards in Montgomery County	75
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Eta Theta Sigma Chapter Create stress balls	EveryMind and MCPS Counseling Services	200
Small Things Matter Assemble totes of hope	Local area homeless	350
The SODA Fund Assemble baskets homeless survivors of domestic violence	Homeless in Montgomery County	100
Young Women of Society Create mini pillows	Homeless in Washington, DC area shelters	66



BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Activity	# Participants/ Outcomes
Almond Robotics Make a robot and learn to teach others	80
KID Museum World Mosaic Cultural Wall	350 unique fabric pieces for the wall
Menare Foundation 'I Stand Up' photo op	100

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

Activity Spotlight: **Meal Packing**

Hosted by Feeding Children Everywhere

Feeding Children Everywhere hosted a large-scale meal packing project. Over 480 volunteers assembled and packaged **31,128** meals of dried red lentil jambalaya. The meals were donated to Capital Area Food Bank for distribution to those in need throughout the Washington metropolitan area.



Every 30 minutes, a new group of volunteers lined up at tables in the Grand Ballroom to pack bags filled with rice, red lentils, dried vegetables, and salt. Volunteers then weighed, sealed, and boxed the bags. The volunteers' competitive spirit came out to see which table could package the most meals.



BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

Activity Spotlight:

I Stand Up

Hosted by Menare Foundation

For the second year in a row, the Menare Foundation hosted an impactful and popular photo-based activity that prompted attendees to proclaim what they stood up for. “I Stand Up” saw volunteers advocating for freedom, civil rights, and education for all. Attendees wrote what they stood for on a picket sign and held that sign as they posed in front of a backdrop of Martin Luther King, Jr. Images were projected through a live feed for all to see and join in.



This year, the activity was anchored with the presence of two local civil rights activists, Willie King and Tina Clarke. Ms. King served as Dr. King's secretary at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She took Dr. King's notes, scrawled on scraps of paper, and transcribed them into his famous *Letter from Birmingham Jail*. This activity had a steady line throughout the event with over 100 volunteers sharing their stories.

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

Favorite moment of the day

"It is great that so many people involved and the activities were varied enough that folks should find what best suited them."

- MLK Attendee



Favorite moment of the day

"Seeing parents with children of all ages there to volunteer."

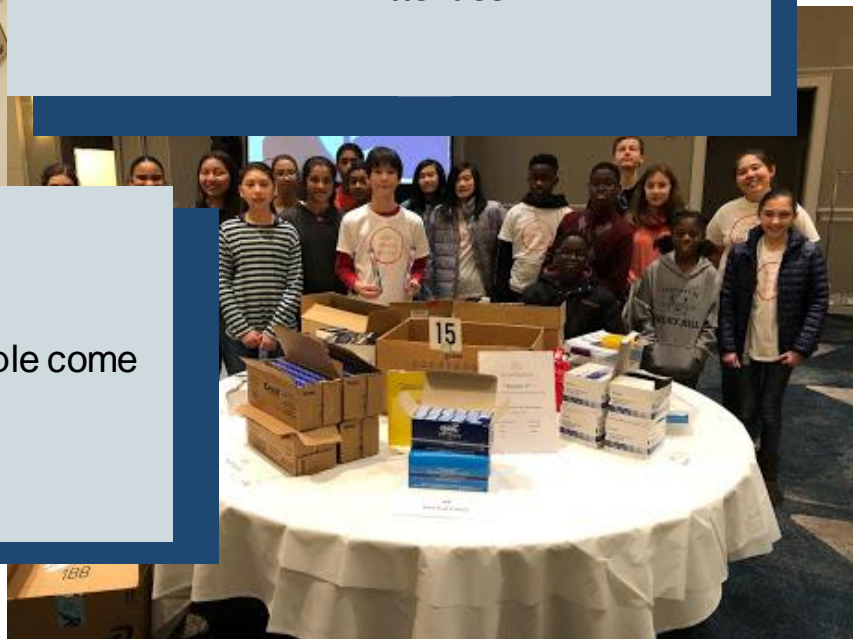
- MLK Attendee



Favorite moment of the day

"It was wonderful to see so many people come out to help."

- MLK Attendee



BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER



Favorite moment of the day

“It is such a lively event with a combination of music and service. I can't pinpoint a favorite moment, it's just the whole experience and feel of the day where people come together for the same positive purpose!.”

- Laurel Harrington, KID Museum

Favorite moment of the day

“A participant came back to our table again because she enjoyed the project last year! Also, we had people waiting and/or asking if they could sit on the floor to do our project.”

- Charles E. Smith Life Communities,
Service Project Host



Favorite moment of the day

“Bringing Civil Rights icons with youth volunteers to inspire them to Dr. King's work and legacy.”

- Anthony Cohen, Menare Foundation



SENECA CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH





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Gaithersburg

Service Project	# Items Completed
Bagged breakfasts	200
Bagged lunches	200
Breast cancer treatment kits & mastectomy pillows	30
Thoughtful Treasures	175
Kids' personal hygiene kits for Treehouse	24
Military appreciation cards	150
Police appreciation bags	450
Fire Department appreciation posters & baked goods	5
Mugs of Love for Meals on Wheels	100
Star of Hope Christmas tags	200
Hygiene kits for shelters	500
Placemats for Children's Inn at NIH	120
Teacher encouragement kits for Gaithersburg Elementary	136
Household care kits	75
Fleece blankets	40
Cards for Hope for cancer patients	75
Animal toys for MC Animal Rescue	120

SENECA CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Gaithersburg

Favorite moment of the day

"The opening ceremony, reading Dr. King's principles of non-violence and talking together about the importance of serving and creating kindness in our world."

- Jeannette Cochran
Head Pastor, Seneca Creek Community Church



SILVER SPRING CIVIC BUILDING





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Silver Spring

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Rise Against Hunger Meal packing	Rise Against Hunger meal recipients	10,584 meals
Metropolitan Women's Group & MCAC Homeless Period Project	Interfaith Works	343 packs
CNMC Drops for Tots blood drive	CNMC and children with sickle cell disease	22 units collected 35 volunteers seen
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Mu Nu Chapter Men's Transitional Baskets	Carroll House Men's Shelter	31 baskets
Kelly Collaborative Medicine Assemble toiletries and supplies	Girls Health Inc.	100 bags
Unity Christian Fellowship Toys and toiletries assembly		86 children 42 men 36 women
So What Else, Inc. Bottle bricking		85 eco bricks
Blacks in Government, VA Chapter Valentine cards for seniors	Local nursing home	80 cards
Blacks in Government – VA Chapter Valentine cards for local veterans	VA Hospital	75 cards
Blacks in Government – FMS Chapter Valentine cards for the troops	Operation Gratitude	120 cards



SILVER SPRING CIVIC BUILDING

Silver Spring

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
MCAC Educational Development Committee Lap blankets for seniors	Layhill Rehab Center	100
Girl Scout Troop 1273 Seed bombs		50
Girl Scout Troop 804 Friendship bracelets	Small Things Matter	64
Girl Scout Troop 1165 Cat and dog toys	Humane Rescue Alliance	Dog toys: 167 Cat pillows: 30
Girl Scout Troop 1165 Valentine cards and paper flowers	Sunrise Senior Living Center	Cards: 167 Flowers: 73
Other Activities		# Participants
MCAC ERT Hands-only CPR education		72 volunteers taught
MCAC Youth Mental Health forum		72 volunteers attended
Montgomery County Census Bureau and MCAC Social Action Committee Census education		44 volunteers seen

SILVER SPRING CIVIC BUILDING

Silver Spring



Favorite moment of the day

“Line dancing with community participation.”

- Yolande Hackney-Wright



JOURNEY'S CROSSING CHURCH





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Germantown

Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Fleece blankets	Interfaith Works	100
Sock hygiene kits	Local homeless	200
Cards	Troops	107
Canned food drive	Germantown Help	850 pounds
Shoe drive	Soles for Souls	80
Glasses drive	The Lions Club	10 pairs
Feminine hygiene kits	Domestic violence survivors	225
Thank You cards	Area school teachers, admins, and support staff	1000
Bracelets	Students in Uganda	100
Valentine's bags	Seneca Heights Apartments residents	96
Infant care packs	Local and national foster care organization	6
Other Activities		
Decorated large banners for local police stations and hospital wards for medical staff		Police: 3 Hospitals: 3

JOURNEY'S CROSSING CHURCH

Germantown



Favorite moment of the day

“Seeing the beautiful diversity of our crowd coming together to serve the community.”

- Darin Brown
Youth Pastor, Journey's Crossing Church



BAUER DRIVE COMMUNITY CENTER



BAUER DRIVE COMMUNITY CENTER Rockville

Service Project	# Items Completed
Beanie hats for babies	40
Valentines for veterans	100
Valentines for children	200
Toiletry kits for children	100
Mother's Day tulip bulbs	86
Crafting kits for children	83
Valentines for seniors	210

Favorite moment of the day

“Seeing the very tall basketball players (from Blake HS) learning to crochet using looms.”

- Sonji Owens



SHAARE TEFILA CONGREGATION



SHAARE TEFILA CONGREGATION Olney

Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Soup kits	Nourish Now	240
Blankets	Project Linus	83
Placemats	Children's Inn at NIH	200

Favorite moment of the day

We had a 97-year-old woman come with her aide to make a blanket for Project Linus. She stayed the entire time and just absorbed her surroundings.

- Alison McLaughlin



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bethesda

Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Breakfast sandwiches	Men's Shelter at Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless	180
Dog toys	Montgomery County Humane Society	216
Stuffed animals	MD/Mid Atlantic Chapter of Stuffed Animals for Emergencies	258
Letters for military	Operation Gratitude	38

Favorite moment of the day

Discovering we had washed 258 stuffed animals for donation to SAFE.

- Liz King





ADDITIONAL PARTNER SITES

Montgomery County

City of Rockville

Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Blankets for children	Project Linus	55
Hygiene kits	Homeless veterans	100

Comfort Cases

Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Backpacks	Local children in foster care	20

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School

Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Paracord bracelets	Operation Gratitude	120

Lee Middle School

Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Hygiene packs	Interfaith Works	100
No-sew fleece blankets		22
Canned food drive		100

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